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11 December 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT: Request from DOD for Review of Oral
History of General Wheeler

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval. This recommendation is contained in paragraph 5.
2. The Department of Defense has requested that we review the text of General Wheeler's interview with General Clifton for the Kennedy Library Oral History Project. The interview took place on 11 July 1964 and in subsequent meetings.
3. Specifically, Department of Defense has requested that we review the portions between pages 17 and 26 which deal with the Bay of Pigs. These pages are presently classified Confidential. DOD requests that we review the transcript to identify information known to be classified or which warrants classification. We were also asked to specify reasons for this judgment and offer recommendations for the appropriate classification.
4. Most of the information in the pages cited has been made available to the public in one form or another. There is considerable discussion as to how planning for such an operation takes place and the relationship between the military and the intelligence arms of Government. In addition, there are expressions of General Wheeler's personal opinion as to the faults in the planning and execution of that operation. Nothing in the pages deals directly with intelligence sources and methods.

5. It is recommended that (a) we advise the Department of Defense that we desire the present classification (i.e. Confidential) to be continued under the provisions of Section 5(B)(3), and (b) the attached letter for signature by Mr. Thuermer be authorized for release. This recommendation has been coordinated with

AT Associate General Counsel, and Mr. Tom Karamessines, DD/P, by memoranda which are on file in this office.

Special Assistant for Information Control

Attachments

The recommendation contained in paragraph 5 is approved:

See attached Routing Slip comments -- 18 Jan 73

Executive Director-Comptroller

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Remarks: Frankly, I see no intel sources + methods here - + the "plans etc" doesn't justify classification. So I say no CIA objection - WEC			
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